

# Harbor Men Storm At Mass Meeting

Citizens Fear Race Riots if "Bad Negroes are Permitted to Live in City."

Asserting that Indiana Harbor is now on the verge of race riots and that trouble will break out within a very short time unless some decisive steps are taken for ridding the city of its dives, gambling houses and undesirable citizens about one hundred citizens of Indiana Harbor met at the rooms of the Indiana Harbor Civic club last evening and made arrangements for compelling the city authorities to take immediate action.

The meeting was probably unlike any other that has ever been held in this region because of the fact that both whites and blacks united in the meeting and demanded that the decent citizens of the city be given protection from the criminals whom the gambling joints and dives are breeding. The meeting was called at the instigation of a number of the colored people who complained to the whites that a respectable colored person can not live in the city without being molested because of the odium which a few of the worthless "niggers" have brought upon the race.

"If this thing is not nipped pretty soon some morning you are going to wake up and find a battle on your hands which will set the city back twenty years and will keep it there for a long time," said Attorney W. J. Murray, who struck the key note of the meeting in an impassioned plea for action on the part of the whites. An organization of the negroes would get no place, Attorney Murray asserted, because "if the better class of negroes should organize to clean up the city they would need some one to go their bail in about twelve hours." It is common, he said to hear on the streets, "We better take about eight or ten of those d—n niggers and hang them."

With this condition existing because there are three or four hundred bad negroes in the city, he asserted that it is only a matter of time until some one does start a hanging and then Indiana Harbor will see a race riot which will keep the city in a turmoil for weeks, give the city a bad name, and stop industry for an indefinite period. As a protection to the industries of the city who have been responsible for bringing the negroes to the district the better class of the citizens of Indiana Harbor, both white and black, should go to the Board of Safety and not only tell them what is desired in the way of a cleanup in Indiana Harbor but insist that they comply with the requests of the citizens, he said.

The complaint of the negroes was explained to the meeting by John Timmsley, John Carr and James Bowden, three negroes of excellent reputation in the city, who explained that there are in the city three or four hundred worthless negroes who loaf in dives and gambling joints and take the money of their more industrious brethren. It is these negroes who have been holding up people and murdering during the past few months, they explained, but the entire race gets the credit for all of the crime, causing ill-feeling between the whites and the blacks and making possible further trouble and bloodshed.

A young negro preacher, Bowden said, returning from church about 11 o'clock in the evening with a young lady was stopped and searched at the point of a gun on one of the city's main streets by two plain clothes policemen. Another colored preacher, Atty. Murray said, was stopped by two plain clothes men in the middle of the day with the order, "Hold up your hands you black— or I'll shoot you." The negroes wish to drive out the bad from their midst in order that the respectable colored people may not be molested in this way.

After a couple of hours of discussion in which the troubles of the citizens were aired the sentiment of the meeting was voiced by Atty. Murray when he stated that "Indiana Harbor must no longer be the dumping ground of the Calumet region. If the Board of Safety does not clean up the city let's impeach them, if the chief of police does not do his duty and close up the places of vice let's impeach him, if the mayor does not require the chief of police and the board of safety to do their duty let's impeach him. If we can clean the city no other way then I'm in favor of playing Carrie Nation," he further asserted.

As the climax of the meeting it was decided to appoint a committee of ten, half blacks and half whites to wait upon the mayor and the Board of Safety and make known the demands which were framed at the meeting last evening. There was then appointed a committee of three to solicit funds for the purpose of prosecuting the campaign and securing the impeachment of any city officials who do not do their duty. A third committee of ten captains, each to pick their own committee, was appointed to secure the names and addresses of all dives, gambling houses, bad pool rooms, etc.

The ten who will wait upon the mayor are: Whites: W. J. Murray, A. J. Burns, John Farvid, Christ Dorian, Ben Maginsky; negroes: John Timmsley, Chas. Perkins, James Bowden, H. L. Davidson, S. H. Howard. The finance committee is composed of John C. Horne, Nelson Denton and Olin Sterling.

Another meeting will be held in the Civic Club rooms next Thursday evening at which time the committee will report and further action decided upon.

Others who spoke at the meeting were: W. E. Jewell, P. A. Parks, Edwin Carlson, M. E. Crites and Jimmy Johnston.

Mayor McCormack, when informed of the action taken, expressed pleasure that the citizens are at last waking to their responsibilities and said: "If the citizens will give of the names and addresses of the joints it will help us and we'll clean up the city. We have only a small police force, all of whom are known to the crooks, and it is impossible for them to get evidence which will convict. The citizens can get this evidence much more easily than the police."

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## ILLINOIS DELEGATE ASTONISHES HEARERS

Says Two Candidates are Only Blind to Help Crown Prince.

[INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE]  
CHICAGO, July 1.—That James W. Gerard made the admission while en route to the San Francisco convention that his candidacy for the democratic nomination was "merely a blind for the crown prince" and that Secretary E. T. Meredith, riding in the same train, admitted that "the same was true of the rest of the candidates," was the charge made here today by Francis J. Kneenan, a delegate from Boston, and president of the democratic club of Mass. Mr. Kneenan was called home because of the serious illness of his son.

"The San Francisco convention, packed with federal office holders, undoubtedly will nominate Meadows said Mr. Kneenan, "but when that happens, or before there will be a split on the convention floor, resulting probably in combination with the Jackson-Roosevelt forces, in the formation of a third party."

"Practically every candidate, nominally is merely a blind for the crown prince," Gerard, who rode with the train with us, admitted that was all he was. Meredith, who was with us, admitted that the same was true of them all."

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### TELEGRAM

June 28, 1920. Detroit, Mich.  
Essex travels 80 miles in 88 minutes from Buffalo to Rochester, averaging 54 1/2 miles per hour. Fastest train time between these cities is 84 minutes, but the route traveled by the Essex was 11 miles longer than by rail.

### TELEGRAM

June 29, 1920. Detroit, Mich.  
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### TELEGRAM

June 29, 1920. Detroit, Mich.  
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## LIVE NEWS FROM THE TWIN CITIES

LOSES TRUNK MONEY

Frank Wisniewsky, 5021 Baring ave., is today looking for \$220 which he says some one stole from his trunk. The money was in four fifties and one twenty and Wisniewsky knows it was in his trunk at nine o'clock last Thursday morning. Aside from that he doesn't have any idea where the money has gone.

MAN IS FOUND DEAD

Deputy Coroner Frank H. Morley of

Indiana Harbor was yesterday called to 3712 Pennsylvania avenue where Mihail Burila was found dead by his partner Paul Proder. The man had evidently been dead about forty-eight hours, Dr. Mervin stated, and apparently died a natural death since no bruises or cuts were evident. The inquest has not yet been held.

HOUSE IS ENTERED

W. H. Higgins, 2316 Commonwealth avenue, Indiana Harbor, reported to the police that some one gained entrance to his house last night through a door which had been left open and stole a gold watch and \$3 in cash. An attempt was made to enter the house next door but the thieves were evidently frightened away after cutting the screen.

NEW INCORPORATIONS

East Chicago has three new corpora-

tions for which the articles of incorporation have just been filed in Indianapolis. They are Lithuanian Political Whiteclove Club, directors Joseph Mateuck, Stanley Paszawinski, Joseph Ruzulla, Carol Castings Company, directors Leo F. Carroll, Hugh E. Carroll, Markwood W. Coursey; First Bond and Mortgage Company, directors Walter J. Riley, C. A. Westberg and Charles M. Reed.

ADJOURN FOR SUMMER

The East Chicago Chamber of Commerce yesterday held their last noon-day luncheon meeting of the summer and adjourned until the 1st Wednesday in September when they expect to resume their luncheon meetings at the Congregational Church. If matters of importance arise a special meeting of the membership will be called.

Walter Scully, timekeeper at the American Steel Foundries and a resident of Ivy st., is enjoying a vacation at Cincinnati, O., and Louisville, Ky., and expects to be gone a couple of weeks.

The East Chicago restaurant on Forsythe avenue is undergoing a complete remodeling on interior decorations and the colors selected are white and gold. The color presentation is a most pleasing one and adds materially to the general aspect of the dining room. Louis Tsuros is the proprietor and is quite in the lime light at the present time owing to his coming betrothal next month.

Miss Marie Sandrey of Evelyn Place is a patient at St. Margaret's hospital undergoing surgery for the removal of her tonsils.

The Bence club meets this evening with Miss Gertrude Given in Tod and Chicago avenues.

# NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Pursuant to an order issued by the Public Service Commission of Indiana, June 30th, 1920. The rate of fare for Passengers on the cars of the Hammond, Whiting & East Chicago Railway Company after 3:01 A. M., July 2nd, 1920, will be as follows:

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